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Attention: Docket ID Number OPP-2004-0033

Dear Dr. Edwards,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would like to request an extension of the 60-day comment period currently open for the Revised Comparative Ecological Risk Assessment for Rodenticides (EPA DOCKET CONTROL NUMBER OPP-2004-0033).

The Service will be participating in a multi-agency conference regarding invasive rodents in the coming weeks. Extensive discussion of rodenticide risk assessment methods, including EPA's current assessment, is anticipated to occur at this time. Due to the comprehensive nature of the comparative assessment and the breadth of chemicals considered, we feel that additional time will be necessary to fully review this document and incorporate comments derived from this meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the comparative risk assessment of rodenticides and participate in the reregistration process of these pesticides. If you have any questions regarding this request for an extension to the comment period, please contact Nancy Golden, Division of Environmental Quality at (703) 358-2148.

Sincerely,

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